

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 738

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the soldiers of the 267th Military Police Company, Tennessee Army National Guard, for their meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, many fine and honorable traditions have arisen from the deep wellspring of honor and bravery possessed by Tennesseans, but there is no finer tradition than that which gave Tennessee its nickname; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the "Volunteer State" have, throughout the years, willingly forsaken the comforts and securities of inaction by taking up arms against the enemies of this great Nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, established in 1887 by an act of the 45th General Assembly, the Tennessee National Guard is a dedicated collection of the finest men and women this State has to offer. Always vigilant and prepared for duty, the Tennessee National Guard has proven time and again its ability to protect fellow Tennesseans and Americans and those around the world in need of aid; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Tennessee National Guard selflessly serve with courage and gallantry and deserve to be recognized for heroism in the line of duty and model citizenship in our American society; and

WHEREAS, the soldiers of the 267th Military Police Company, Tennessee Army National Guard, stationed in Dickson and Waverly, Tennessee, under the command of Captain Glenn R. Jackson II, are especially deserving of our deepest admiration and thanks for their valiant service during Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, this highly skilled unit deployed overseas from November 7, 2008, through November 7, 2009, leaving their families, friends, and loved ones behind for one year; and

WHEREAS, the 175 citizen-soldiers of the 267th Military Police Company were stationed at Camp Liberty, part of the Victory Base Complex, and performed the highly critical Police Transition Teams (PTT) mission in Baghdad in support of the Multi-National Forces – Iraq, training and mentoring Iraqi Police units to take the lead securing the people of Iraq, and developing a more professional police force; and

WHEREAS, the soldiers of the 267th provided an essential Personal Security Detachment for the Multi-National Corps – Iraq Commander, and the deputy Multi-National Forces – Iraq Commander; and

WHEREAS, the unit also provided Security Forces for the 8th Military Police Brigade in support of the PTT mission at the Provincial and District levels; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the unit conducted the PTT mission at the local police station level for over thirty Iraqi Police stations throughout Baghdad, with primary responsibility in the volatile Abu Ghraib and Bayhaa Districts; and

WHEREAS, the company developed a Company Intelligence Support Team under the direction of the Asymmetric Warfare Group to gather intelligence leading to the successful raid of a milk factory in Abu Ghraib that was used as a storage facility for IED-making material and RKG-3 grenades, thereby thwarting future attacks and saving American and Iraqi lives; and

WHEREAS, elements under the control of the 267th Military Police Company encountered hostile activity on four occasions; three RKG-3 grenade attacks and one IED were successfully mitigated during attacks in the Abu Ghraib district, and actions on contact led to the detention of one insurgent attacker and the destruction of three, with over six enemies WIA; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 267th Military Police Company performed their duties with honor, distinction, and profound regard for the importance of their role in Operation Iraqi

Freedom; their courageous service stands as an enduring example of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the members of the 267th Military Police Company, Tennessee Army National Guard, for their valiant service to our State and Nation while deployed to Iraq as a part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, extending to them our sincerest gratitude for preserving our freedom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.